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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, KE, US

SUBJECT: KENYAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S.

1. TODAY, MOFA PERMSEC LEONARD KIBINGE HANDED ME NOTE REQUESTING AGREEMENT FOR MR. KARIUKI AS AMBASSADOR TO US. HE INFORMED ME KENYA EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WILL SEEK AGREEMENT FROM DEPARTMENT, HOWEVER, KIBINGE ASKED ME TO CONVEY TEXT OF NOTE TO DEPARTMENT AS WELL.

2. BEGIN TEXT

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA PRESENTS ITS COMPLEMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN NAIROBI AND HAS THE HONOUR TO STATE THAT DESIROUS TO STRENGTHEN AND PROMOTE EVEN FURTHER THE TRADITIONAL TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION OBTAINING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA PROPOSES TO APPOINT MR. JOSEPH ELIJAH KARIUKI AS KENYA AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. MR. KARIUKI, WHOSE CURRICULUM VITAE IS ATTACHED, IS ONE OF THE MOST EXPERIENCED KENYAN PUBLIC SERVANT. IN SEEKING UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AGREEMENT TO MR. KARIUKI'S APPOINTMENT, KENYA IS, THEREFORE, CONFIDENT THAT MR. KARIUKI WILL EFFECTIVELY REPRESENT THE REPUBLIC AND

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THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL FIND HIM A MOST

SUITABLE AND LONG-AWAITED REPLACEMENT OF HIS PREDECESSOR,
AMBASSADOR L.O. KIBINGE, WHO LEFT WASHINGTON SOMETIME
BACK.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF
KENYA AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN NAIROBI THE
ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

21ST JULY, 1976

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END TEXT

3. CURRICULUM VITAE ON JOSEPH ELIJAH KARIUKI:

NAME: JOSEPH ELIJAH KARIUKI

DATE OF BIRTH: AUGUST 25, 1931

EDUCATION:

SECONDARY: 1945-1949

COLLEGE: 1950-1954, MAKERERE COLLEGE, KAMPALA.

QUALIFICATIONS: B.A. LONDON (ENGLISH, HISTORY AND
SOCIOLOGY) AND DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION
(EAST AFRICA).

1960-1962, KING'S COLLEGE-CAMBRIDGE, UK.

M.A. (LITERATURE).

WORK EXPERIENCE: 1955-1960 AND 1962-1963:

SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHING

1963-1965:

TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT OFFICER,
KENYA SHELL LTD.

1965-1968:

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL AND THEN PRINCIPAL,
KENYA INSTITUTE OF ADMINISTRATION

1968-1969:

ECA, CHIEF TRAINING UNIT

1969 TO DATE:

DIRECTOR-GENERAL/UN PROJECT MANAGER-
AFRICAN TRAINING AND RESEARCH CENTRE
IN ADMINISTRATION FOR DEVELOPMENT
(CAFRAD).

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4. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, KIBINGE COMMENTED PRIVATELY
THAT KARIUKI HAD BEEN MARRIED TO ATTORNEY GENERAL NJONJO'S
SISTER, BUT IS NO LONGER. HE HAS NOT REMARRIED AND
KIBINGE OBSERVED THAT NJONJO, WHO UNDOUBTEDLY DOES NOT
YET KNOW OF APPOINTMENT, WILL NOT BE HAPPY WITH IT.
KIBINGE ADDED THAT IN ADDITION TO BEING PLEASED WITH
APPOINTMENT HIMSELF, MINISTER OF STATE KOINANGE AND
PRESIDENTIAL PERMSEC KARIITHI ARE DELIGHTED. KARIUKI

SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE UP HIS DUTIES IN WASHINGTON,
DEPENDENT ON AGREEMENT, ETC., BY END OF AUGUST.
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